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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869K-090400US

Client Ref. No.: 627/SM/ss

In re application of:

Yasuaki NAKAMURA, et al.

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For: DISK CONTROL SYSTEM AND
CONTROL METHOD OF DISK
CONTROL SYSTEM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 4217

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 19, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.